CROOKS and THEIR WAYS

BY AN OLD THIEF

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N THE days of the late Warden Cassidy, I was over the pages together, clearing up obscurities, always keen, sometimes sardonic. He had a curious ed to draw very well, and during the last accurate they may be-

brought them to me a few sheets at a time. We went

"I know not what the truth may be; I tell the tale as 'twas told to me."

Dunlap was well educated, understood French, read much, and was particularly fond of history and sociology. He was an excellent conversationalist and a good hand at narrative. He had a sense of humor,

a surgical consultant to the Eastern Peniten-tiary. During numerous visits I became ac-ied with many criminals. Most of them were anonplace and repellant, A few of them were Many of his tales are certainly true. Warden Mosplace and repellant. A few of them were Many of his tates are certainly true, warden are contained in the resting. The most intelligent and Kenty, of the Eastern Penitentiary, and ex-Chief of und failing health. He had the virtue of loyalty; and ting of them all was the strange character Detectives James Donaghy have told me so, In respect to the contained of the property, refused tempting offers to determ the property of the was grateful to those who helped him and trustworthy to those who trusted him. He was generous, charitable, warm-hearted; a spendthrift and an inveterate gambler. He never drank liquor. He was a curious mixture of good and evil. He had in him the material from which to have builded a far better life than he led, J. CHALMERS DA COSTA.

CHAPTER I

"One Can Be But What One is Born"



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in the others. The eldest afford to pay for a substitute he would frequently offer a large sum; but at times, he be dity of ——, it was a many and was killed white the common force of the

was more than anxious to glean any possible item of news. I hung around the building, as did several others. But no news dome. The afternoon papers morely mentered the cobbery, but they sail been unable to obtain details, as access to the building had been dealed to ever the frails wing morning the accounts were fuller. One paper declared that the amount taken was \$10,000. On a grain opened for business, but the provest had been replaced by an official from headquarters pending the investigation.

At this point began the circumstantial evidence that pointed to the wrong man with apparently unerring certainty. On the day after the robbery, after the office





"We counted out over \$4000 in money"

whom he went out to dine, a soldier always guarded the door.

The first line of argument advanced by the defense was that during the day some one had secreted himself in the building, had committed the robbery during the night, and had left the building after it had been opened in the mering, but the government clearly showed that the stairway had been partitioned in order to prevent any one from going upsials. In fact, the only possible manner in which the upper part of the house could be reached was by way of the previously mentioned back building and by reached the house could be reached was by way of the previously mentioned back building and by reached the house could be reached was by testimony that there was nothing of any value to steal in any of these rooms. The office of the commissioner and that of the physician contained nothing but a few common chairs and pine tables. There was nothing behind which or under which a person might hide, and both the duers were left wide open. Both the sergent and the curporal swore that when either of them was about to close the front door at night, he always examined these rooms and also the waiting-room, to see that every one had gone out.

Next, the detense contended that the robbery had been committed by one of the guards, who had been astite enough to hide the money and keep his mouth shut, but this theory was rebutted by the government's clean's proving that each of the guards had been honest all his life, and cach mad been honest all his life, and cach mad been under street, surveillance sime that each of the guards had been honest all his life, and cach mad been under street, surveillance sime that the questions proporties, with the rebbery, and this was the opinion of every detective that had been placed on the case.

After having heard the propagate the court-marrial life has an early thing the analysis of the resident and there he remained until released by the law of the proving the pr

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